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WEEKENDS IN AUGUST REACH A SUMMER STRIDE FOR STEAMTOWN

SCRANTON, PA – Historic railroad operations are continuing on the rail lines around Scranton, and Steamtown National Historic Site is keeping the interest alive with several train trips before school and work vacations end! Two excursion destinations – Moscow and Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania - complement the list of yard activities at the Park this month.

The Borough of Moscow will host excursions on August 5, 6, 13, 20, 26 and 27. The Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society plans to offer different programs for each train's arrival. Trains will depart Steamtown NHS in downtown Scranton at 1:00 p.m. for a 35-minute ride into the Pocono Mountains. Visitors will have time to explore the former passenger and freight station buildings, photograph the train, and take part in railroad-related activities coordinated by the railway historical society. The excursions will depart the Moscow Station at approximately 2:15 p.m. for a planned return to Scranton at 3:00 p.m. Moscow excursion tickets are priced at \$21.00 for adults 17 to 61, \$19.00 for seniors 62 and older, and \$15.00 for children aged 6-16. Children 5 and younger require a "no-charge" ticket. Limited First Class accommodations are also available for these excursions at \$36.00 per rider, all ages.

Atop the Pocono Mountains, the Village of Tobyhanna will host an excursion on Saturday, August 12. The Pocono Mountains proved popular for tourists escaping the heat of the big city in the days of steam trains. The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association will conduct a brief walking tour during the one-hour layover. Departure from the Steamtown NHS Boarding Platform is 11:00 a.m., with an expected 3:00 p.m. return. Ticket prices for the

Tobyhanna excursions are \$31.00 for adults 17 to 61, \$26.00 for seniors 62 and older, and \$20.00 for children aged 6-16. Children 5 and younger require a “no-charge” ticket. Limited First Class accommodations are also available for this excursion at \$56.00 per rider, all ages.

The “*Scranton Limited*” short train rides, covering nearly 3 miles round trip, are offered Wednesdays through Sundays, inside the park boundary. These 30-minute train rides depart from the Roundhouse boarding area at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 and 2:15 p.m., operating with a historic diesel locomotive on Wednesdays. There is a \$3.00 additional charge for this ride. Admission to the National Park grounds at Steamtown is \$6.00 per adult, daily, ages 17 and older. Those under 16, accompanied by an adult, are admitted to the Park at no cost. All walking tours offered by the Steamtown NHS staff, including museum access and the park movie, *Steel and Steam*, are covered by this Entrance Fee.

Located in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Steamtown is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. From I-81, follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues. Excursion reservations may be made by phoning (570) 340-5204 daily, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Additional details regarding interpretive and educational programs and activities may be obtained by calling (570) 340-5200 or toll free (888) 693-9391, or by visiting the Steamtown NHS web site at www.nps.gov/stea.

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